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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): CONNECTING DEVICE, COVER DEVICE AND DIVIDING ELEMENT

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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-6; 5 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure 3 for front page of Publication.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- This patent application is assigned to HAWA AG.  
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Priority of foreign application No. 02 405 853.9 filed October 2, 2002 in EUROPE is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 375</b>

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## DECLARATION

I, Peter Rutz  
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do solemnly and sincerely declare:

1. That I am well acquainted with both the English and German languages, and
2. That the attached document is a true and correct translation of the specification accompanying the below mentioned Patent Application:

European Patent Application No. No. 02 405 853.9 filed on October 2, 2002

and I make this declaration conscientiously believing the statement contained herein to be true in every particular.

SIGNED : 16<sup>th</sup> September 2003

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